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1. TWENTY-NINTH SESSION ARAB ECONOMIC UNITY COUNCIL
(AEUC) HELD ITS FIRST MEETING JUNE 14 IN CAIRO. KEYNOTE
SPEECH DELIVERED BY AEUC SYG, DR. ABD AL-AAL AL-SAQBAN, WHO
HAILED PARTICIPATION LIBYA AND SUDAN IN ARAB COMMON MARKET AND
PREDICATED THAT 1978 WOULD SEE DECISIVE DEVELOPMENT IN ACHIEVE-
MENT ARAB ECONOMIC INTEGRATION THROUGH ADMISSION 12 ARAB STATES
(UNNAMED) TO THE ARAB COMMON MARKET. SYG CALLED FOR INCREASED
EFFORTS FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION AND SUGGESTED THAT MINERALS
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BE USED IN DOMESTIC INDUSTRIALIZATION INSTEAD OF EXPORTED
AS RAW MATERIALS. SAQBAN ALSO EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF
COMMUNICATIONS AND CALLED FOR ADOPTION "ARAB TRAIN" PROJECT
TO LINK MAGHREB WITH EASTERN ARAB STATES. FOLLOWING SYG, GOE
DEPPRIMIN FOR FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS KAISSOUNI SPOKE
OF GREAT CHALLENGE FACING ARABS IN MATCHING EUROPEAN
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN JOINT ECONOMIC ACTION AND SAID THAT ARABS'

SINCERITY AND LOYALTY TO ARAB "NATION" WILL ENABLE FURTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

2. OPENING SPEECHES FOLLOWED BY CLOSED DOOR MINISTERIAL SESSION. HEADS EGYPTIAN, KUWAITI AND LIBYAN DELEGATIONS WILL MEET JUNE 15 TO STUDY NOMINATION OF NEW SYG. (EGYPTIANS REPORTEDLY PLAN TO PUSH NOMINATION EGYPTIAN ECONMIN FIRST UNDERSECRETARY, DR. WAGIH SHINDI. HOWEVER, PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESENT SYG, AN IRAQI, ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION.)

3. COMMUNT. UNLIKE PAST SESSIONS, OPENING STATEMENTS LIMITED TO VAGUE PRAISE FOR ARAB ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WITHOUT SETTING GOALS FOR CONFERENCE. AGENDA NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESENT. EILTS

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